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PERSONAL FOR SECRETARY SHULTZ AND UNDERSECRETARY CASEY FROM
SECRETARY ROGERS

FURTHER TO THE MESSAGE I SENT YOU YESTERDAY, I EXPECT THE MOST DIFFICULT ASPECT OF OUR MEETING WITH THE JAPANESE TO BE THEIR UNEASE ABOUT OUR EXISTING AND POSSIBLE FUTURE EXPORT CONTROLS, AND OUR FAILURE TO DISCUSS OUR PRESENT CONTROL SYSTEM WITH THEM IN ADVANCE. THE JAPANESE ARE OF COURSE AWARE THAT WE ARE CONSIDERING EXPORT CONTROLS AND LICENSING AS PART OF OUR OVERALL STABILIZATION PROGRAM, AND INDEED THAT THIS IS PART OF THE REASON FOR YOUR ABSENCE AND THAT OF SECRETARY BUTZ AND HERB STEIN.

I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF I TOOK COGNIZANCE OF THIS JAPANESE CONCERN IN MY PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER OHIRA. MY SUGGESTION IS THAT I WOULD SET THE STAGE WITHOUT GOING BEYOND WHAT ALREADY IS KNOWN FROM THE PRESS, AND ASK HIM TO GIVE ME ANY IDEAS JAPAN HAS SHOULD CONTROLS BECOME NECESSARY. I WOULD LIKE YOUR REACTION TO THIS. I DO NOT THINK THE JAPANESE RESPONSE NEED HAVE AN IMPORTANT LIMITING EFFECT ON WHATEVER ACTION WE MUST TAKE, BUT IT COULD HAVE A VALUABLE PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECT ON THE JAPANESE.

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